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CPA suggests changes

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – Certified Public Accountant Eric Kinsherb, specializing in municipal finance, heard the Board of Selectmen's concerns regarding an audit of town finances at its June 15 meeting. Kinsherb said in addition to municipal finances, his firm also offers fraud risk assessment, to see where a client is potentially vulnerable to fraud.

Ware has had Scanlon & Associates CPA conduct their annual audit for the past 12 years. SelectBoard Chairman Keith Kruckas said they reached out to Kinsherb because they wanted to ensure they were looking at the whole process. "There are some concerns about taxes and where the money goes...we want to make sure everything is accounted for," Kruckas said. Kinsherb said financial best practices recommend switching auditors every five to six years to keep a fresh set of eyes on it. He recommended switching auditors and talking with each department to see where they have concerns.

Water pipe replacement

Kruckas said he and Selectman Nancy Talbot attended a Water Resources Committee meeting the previous week. He said the committee talked about adjusting water use rates, replacing water pipes, and lining and tank cleaning costs. Kruckas said they are looking at different solutions to address water concerns. Talbot said they will need to schedule a public hearing to adjust the water rates. The board agreed to schedule a hearing for mid-August.

EMS agreement

Town Manager Stuart Beckley said he gave Hardwick BOS a revised contract similar to previous ones. Kruckas said he was "extremely disappointed" they were not invited to discussion about the

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Cat trapper keeps feral colonies in check

About 75 cats trapped in Ware over a year

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

BRIMFIELD – Here Today Adopted Tomorrow, located at 180 Sturbridge Road, is a nonprofit animal sanctuary that relies on the compassion and dedication of their volunteers to help protect and control feral cat colonies in the area.

One such volunteer is Sturbridge resident, Lynn Hutchinson. A "trapper" for the past 12 years, Hutchinson has been assisting HTAT with capturing feral cats for about three years.

Hutchinson, an avid cat lover, first began trapping feral cats while she was working at a previous job. "I started in New York, where there was feral cat population out of control," she said. When she moved to Massachusetts, she began looking around for a rescue that offered a "trap-neuter-return" or "TNR"

method of reducing feral cat population.

The TNR method involves trapping feral cats using traditional and/or drop traps, bringing them to be neutered or spayed, then returning them to the location where they were trapped from. "I wanted to be dealing with people that have huge problems with feral cats," Hutchinson said. "The program at HTAT is outstanding and they rely on volunteers and grants." Hutchinson has been helping to TNR the second of two large feral cat populations in Ware since last year.

Cats can begin reproducing at around six months of age and can have about two to three litters of kittens a year. Each litter can produce on average four kittens, quickly causing feral cat colonies to grow unmanageable in size. Overpopulation can lead to lower quality of life for the cats and increase the spread of disease and illness. Feeding a large colony of feral cats also places a significant

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Photo Courtesy of Here Today Adopted Tomorrow
Here Today Adopted Tomorrow volunteer Lynn Hutchinson holds a kitten that was trapped in a stonewall on a farm in Ware.

ATM ends in just 30 minutes

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Roughly 50 voters attend the Annual Town Meeting this past Saturday at Hardwick Elementary School, making quick work of the 19-article warrant.

Moderator Ryan J. Witkos called the 283rd ATM to order and gave recognition to the newly-recognized Juneteenth holiday. A moment of silence was held to remember Ed Banas and Charles Lowell, both of whom passed away in 2020.

Most of the articles carried, including the fiscal 2022 budget of \$5,899,933.13, which includes a \$10,000 overlay. The fiscal 2022 budget was a 5.9% increase over fiscal 2021. Board of Selectmen Vice Chair Julie Quink explained that the town had to cut its fiscal 2021 budget significantly, and this increase brought them to a safe operating budget. Voters also approved the transfer of \$35,800 from free cash to purchase a generator for the Hardwick Fire Department. This amount of money will be reimbursed to the town through a federal grant.

Quink took a moment to recognize Dr. Gerald Paist, superintendent of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer, of which Hardwick is a member town. He has been a superintendent for over five decades and will be enjoying "re-wirement," as opposed to retirement, Quink said. Quink introduced his successor, Eric Duda, Pathfinder's current Assistant Superintendent. Paist thanked Quink for her kind words and gave a brief history of Pathfinder's journey from a four-town school district to a nine-town district.

Board of Selectmen Chair Kelly Kemp said it has been a trying year for the town and thanked Lori

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Board interviews town administrator candidates

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – The Board of Selectmen interviewed seven candidates for the position of town administrator this past Monday and Tuesday evenings. The board agreed that all of the candidates had desirable qualities and unique skills, but selected four that fit the town's needs the most.

All of the finalists had extensive experience managing multiple projects and deadlines at once, and had strong communica-

tion skills. Job experience among the finalists ranged from being a town administrator in a similarly sized community to working with State Legislature.

The board emphasized the need to communicate openly and frequently as being one of their top priorities, together with the ability to see the town's large projects through to completion. Board of Selectmen Chair Kelly Kemp and Vice-Chair Julie Quink said they are an active, involved board that is not afraid of hands-on work and helping out. In

reference to ensuring the town operates smoothly with their new administrator and departments, Kemp said, "It takes a village."

The board agreed to have interim town administrator Katie Tyler check the references of their top finalists. They will make their selection for the position at their next meeting, Monday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m.

EMS update

Kemp said the Barre Board of Selectmen signed off on their emergency medical services

agreement at their meeting last night.

Route 32/32A project

Kemp said the abutters along the roadway were sent letters offering them the monetary value of their easements or the opportunity to donate that amount back to the town to defray the costs of the project. Six property owners opted to donate the amount back to the town. The board signed the Order of Taking for the roadway project and Town Clerk Ryan J. Witkos notarized the signatures.



Turley Publications staff photo by Paula Ouimette

SUMMER SOLTICE CELEBRATED

HARDWICK – Last Friday night the Summer Soltice was celebrated on the Town Common with The Otters providing entertainment.

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Pathfinder tech team makes finals in international robotics match

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – History was made at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School when the Tech VEX Robotics Club's Team 785A competed at the 2021 Live Remote VEX Robotics World Championship recently, and nearly won.

The team is comprised of team Captain Michaela Tourtellot, Co-Captain, and Lead Programmer Ethan Griswold, Scoring Specialist McKenna Martin, Game Specialist Harrison Lavoie, Operator Hunter Skowrya, and Programmer Catalina Mudgett.



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Team 785A's robot, named "Rome."

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Warren Democratic Town Committee caucus, July 7

WARREN – The Democratic Town Committee will hold a caucus virtually on at Wednesday, July 7, at 6 p.m., via Zoom, for registered Democrats to elect two delegates and one alternate to the Sept 25 Massachusetts Democratic State Convention in Lowell. Attendance at the convention can be either in-person or virtual.

In order to vote or run to become a delegate or alternate, one must be registered to vote Democratic in Warren

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ambulance service and expressed frustration with the communication process. Talbot asked if Barre should be referenced in the agreement contract, since they are also providing partial service to Hardwick.

Beckley said it has not been decided if it will be a three-year or a one-year contract with the town of Hardwick. Beckley said they are hoping to schedule an Ambulance Oversight Committee meeting next week with representatives from both Ware and Hardwick.

Slum and blight area
Paul Opalinski, of the Community Development Authority, said that Community Development Block Grants issued by the government were becoming more competitive. He said in order to qualify for improvements to the downtown area, including the façade improvement program, they need to keep their slum and blight designation. Opalinski said the designation is a tool to help the town. Daniella Souza, of the Community Development Authority, said the designation does not negatively impact property values.

Kruckas said the slum and blight designation only helped a small demographic, and not the town as a whole. Beckley said target areas were created to improve low to moderate income properties.

Dangerous dog
Beckley said the judge held a hearing last Thursday and allowed the dog owner at 16 Howard Road a chance to appeal. The appeal will be held later this week. The owner of the dog in question has not completed a roof on the enclosure, but had put up some chicken wire and cinder blocks. Kruckas said they have not been presented with the level of insurance detail requested. Kruckas said he felt the

as of the date of the caucus, July 7, and be present virtually at the caucus. Pre-registered Democrats who turn 16 before June 15, can participate and run for delegate or alternate.

The caucus is an open Democratic Party meeting, but participants who are not registered Democrats may not vote or run.

Contact Peter Krawczyk at 413-436-5457 for the Zoom link before the caucus.

owners have not taken adequate steps to resolve this, and questioned if they could impose fines for noncompliance while the case is under appeal.

Tree Warden position
Beckley said the town attorney recommended that if the town wishes to make the tree warden an appointed position instead of an elected one, it should be brought before a town meeting. The board approved a motion to make the tree warden an appointed position and place it as article on a town meeting warrant.

Host Community Agreements
Mike Harris of 82nd Wellness, 14 West St., said he wants to become a cannabis retail location at his existing CBD store. Harris said the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented his business from growing as he wants it to, and cannabis would raise both his revenue and tax revenue for the town.

Mary Feeny, of Cedar Roots, 50 East Main St., said her business is looking to add cultivation at their location on the first floor of the mill building.

The board approved consideration for both HCAs.

It's Wine O'clock
A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 6, for It's Wine O'clock, a wine and beer establishment to be located at 164 B West St. The business will carry all local wines and beers in addition to holding wine classes.

Announcements
The Ware Lions Club will be having their annual fireworks display on Saturday, Aug. 14, in Grenville Park. National Night Out is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 3. The senior citizen/veteran work-off program is accepting applications. Information is available on the town website.

Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



Mike Cebula identified many of those in last week's photo was of the Ware Little League's Twins team of 1988. Left to right are Danielle Sexton, Mike Clark, Susan Boucher, Daniel Cebula and Robert Thayer. In the back left to right are Reid Jeffery, Christopher Pajak, Eric Goudreau, Joey Skowyr, Jeff Krawczyk and Scott Powell. In the rear is coach Donna Deslauriers.

Please send photo identifications and your full name to ekennedy@turley.com if you recognize the folks in this week's photo.

Gilbert Players schedule "Annie" auditions

HARDWICK – The Gilbert Players of Hardwick are thrilled to announce audition dates for the musical production of "ANNIE". Because of the lack of holiday celebrations last year, this will be an Over The Top production of one of America's best loved shows. The magic of the upcoming holiday will be a visual delight as soon as the curtains open.

All parts and characters are open. Annie could be between ages 8 and 14, but she must be a strong singer and actress. All those trying out for the part will need to sing "Tomorrow" for the audition. Other orphan ages will be between 7 and 15 years, and will need to be strong singers and character actors as well as be good dancers.

The person playing Daddy Warbucks will not be required to be bald, but must have a strong and commanding presence on stage. He must also be a good singer and be able to show lots of emotions.

The person playing Miss Hannigan needs to command the stage at all times, and even the audience should be afraid of her. The person must also be a strong singer and strike an even balance between nasty and nastier. Those seeking the role should be strong singers between the ages of 25 and 60.

There are many lead roles in this musical. Grace Ferrell, Rooster and Lily, Bert Healy, Roosevelt, and especially a strong support chorus. All of these parts require singing. There will also be auditions for dancers of any age, ranging from moderate to trained abilities.

The Players welcome back performers from previous shows and offer open arms to anyone wanting to share their talents on stage. Anyone interested in auditioning and becoming a part of its theatrical performing family, please join them on Monday, July 12, and Tuesday, July 13, at 6 p.m., at The Cultural Center at the Eagle Hill School 242 Old Petersham Road in Hardwick.

Anyone auditioning who would like copies of the audition songs or have any questions and want to be added to our information site, please call Linda at 413-477-8355.

It will be performed on Nov. 19 to 28. Rehearsals begin the first part of September. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

ACCURACY WATCH

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Hoffman and Katie Tyler for their hard work covering administrative duties. Kemp also thanked the residents for their support.

Kemp announced that Frank Hanson will be retiring from the Fire Department as of June 30, and thanked him for his service and dedication. Kemp also recognized Board of Health agent Tex Sarabia for everything he has done for the town during the pandemic and beyond.

Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility Update

The Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility is closed. All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

We value and appreciate your ongoing trust in Baystate Health.

For more information on the closure of the satellite emergency facility and alternative options for emergency care, please visit [BaystateHealth.org/EasternRegion](https://www.baystatehealth.org/EasternRegion)

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Mazzarese honored at Eagle Scout ceremony

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – West Brookfield resident Dan Mazzarese, a Boy Scout with Ware Troop 281, recently enjoyed the honor of achieving Scouting’s highest rank, that of Eagle Scout, on Friday, June 11.

Mazzarese began his adventure in Scouting when he joined Cub Scout Pack 118 in West Brookfield 11 years ago, crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 118. Two years ago, Mazzarese transferred to Troop 281 and soon after, he began work on his Eagle project, building a toolshed at Lucy Stone Park in Warren.

Mazzarese chose Lucy Stone Park for his project, as it is a place near and dear to his heart. “My Eagle project was building a shed for volunteer tools at Lucy Stone Park in Warren as a way of giving back to an organization that I had been volunteering for in helping to restore the park,” Mazzarese said.

Lucy Stone Park, located near Quaboag Regional High School on Old West Brookfield Road, pays homage to famous abolitionist and suffragist, Lucy Stone who was born in West Brookfield. Stone was the first woman in Massachusetts to earn a college degree and was outspoken in her support for the oppressed.

“Dan’s Eagle Project was one that would be considered a true classic project,” said Scoutmaster Dan Flynn. “He planned, presented, received approvals, developed the building plans, organized tasks and gave solid, direct instruction to a varied team of adults and youth. Dan learned that the Eagle Scout project wasn’t about the project but the process. He just mastered the whole plan. So many people have commented on the quality of the building, and it represents the character of Dan as a person.”

Lucy Stone’s famous last words were, “Make the world better,” and Mazzarese has done his part to improve his community and his world throughout his Scouting career. In addition to his Eagle project, Mazzarese has participated in food collection drives to stock the Jubilee Cupboard in Ware, countless community service and cleanup projects, and invasive plant removal at outdoor recreational spaces. Mazzarese has guided younger Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts through local trails, identifying vernal pools and native wildlife.

In addition, Dan was a top scholar at Quaboag Regional High School, active with the National Honor Society and the Boys Tennis



Dan Mazzarese receives a State House citation from state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, at his Eagle Scout ceremony on Friday, June 11. He is a West Brookfield resident and a member of Ware Troop 281.

team. This fall Mazzarese will continue to make the world better when he begins studying mechanical engineering at the University of Vermont.

Becoming an Eagle Scout has been a dream of Mazzarese’s since he began Scouting, growing in significance as he advanced. “I wanted to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout because at first I was simply enjoying Scouts, but over time I began to understand the importance of learning all different life skills and in turn it made me wanted to complete my Scouting journey and reach the highest rank,” he said. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement available in Scouting, with only 4% of Scouts receiving the honor. Dan actually started as a Tiger Cub Scout and the percentage of Scouts who join at age 6 and make it to Eagle, is less than half of one percent.

Mazzarese credits his leadership for guiding him through his journey. “I would like to thank both Mr. Flynn from Ware Troop 281 and Mr. Lussier from West Brookfield Troop 118 for being mentors throughout my Scouting career,” he said. “I know that my youth Scouting journey may have



Courtesy photos
State Rep. Donnie Berthiaume, R-Spencer, presents a State House citation to Eagle Scout Dan Mazzarese.

ended, but I plan to give back my time and skills to future Scouts. There are many people behind the scenes who support Scouting, and I will be one of those people for a long time.”

Ware Center Meeting House and Museum to open

WARE – The Ware Center Meeting House and Museum at 295 Chesterton Road, will be open Sundays, June 27, July 11, Aug. 15, and Aug. 29, from 1 to 3 p.m., or when the open flag is out. Please come for a tour and share stories of Ware’s past. This year’s special display features American pottery by McCoy. For more information call Polli at 4113-967-6682.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket for the Free Summer Concert Series on the Meeting House grounds on July 18, at 6:30 p.m., with Weir River Jazz, on July 25, at 6:30

p.m., with Ron Jones and his Band, and on Aug. 1, with a band to be announced soon.

The Museum exists through the efforts of the Proprietors of the Ware Center Meeting House and the Ware Historical Society, who ask that others consider supporting it.

others are returned to the property. Hutchinson said they have 15 cats are the farm that have been spayed/neutered and another seven cats to trap. “This is the advantage of having the property owners to work with you,” she said. “The property owner is catching a lot of cats since I showed them how to trap. When I can teach somebody to trap, that’s golden.”

As the feral cats become wary of the traditional traps, volunteers have to switch to using drop traps, a three-foot by three-foot by one-foot metal cage without a bottom, which is propped up and tied with the string. This type of trap requires a lot of patience, as the trapper has to sit nearby and activate the trap once the cat is under it. Hutchinson and other volunteers use strong-smelling food, like tuna or anchovies, to lure the cats to the traps. Property owners help trappers set up traps near feeding sites. “Sometimes you catch the same cats over and over,” Hutchinson said, as the cats quickly learn

that traps mean food, and that they will be released. “The last 10 cats have been tricky,” she said of the farm colony.

Catching feral kittens

It is not just these last remaining feral cats that have proved to be a challenge to Hutchinson, it also involved a mixed litter of eight kittens and an apparent “cat-knapping.” The kittens were the product of two mother cats that were co-parenting their litters. The mother cats moved the kittens to a loft where Hutchinson and the property owner were unable to reach them. Hutchinson knew she had to wait for the kittens to be old enough and for the mothers to bring them down.

When this happened, Hutchinson was able to trap one of the mother cats for TNR. While the mother cat was recovering, a spayed female that was previously trapped and released began taking the kittens and hiding them in a

COVID relief money coming

How it will be used is TBD

By Jonah Snowden
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REGION – As the Mass. Senate and House work to reconcile differences and craft a new state budget to send on to Gov. Charlie Baker, the Baker administration last week announced a plan to spread approximately \$2.815 billion in direct federal aid among local municipalities to target communities that could use an economic boost.

“Key priorities” include housing and homeownership, economic development, local downtowns, job training, workforce development, health care, and infrastructure, Baker said. The money was doled out to states in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the negative impact it has had on local economies.

“Our proposal will immediately invest \$2.8 billion toward key priorities that will help jumpstart our economic recovery, with a particular focus on those hit hardest by COVID-19, such as communities of color,” Baker said in a statement. “With over four million people fully vaccinated, Massachusetts is getting back to normal and back to work, but it is critical that we act now to make these critical investments to keep our recovery moving. Our administration appreciates the collaboration of the legislature and local government in responding to the pandemic, and we all must work together to distribute funding quickly and efficiently to ensure those hard-hit by the virus receive relief as quickly as possible.”

It’s too early to specify how and where the money will be used locally, but elected officials representing area towns in the legislature have some ideas of their own. Rep. Orlando Ramos, D-Springfield, for example, said

he would “like to see a more equitable distribution of resources to assist black and brown businesses across the city of Springfield.”

Ramos contends that decades of laws and policy positions put segments of the populations, such as people of color, at a disadvantage, but if used correctly, targeted legislation could help mitigate the damage.

“In addition to that, I have been having conversations at the local and state level, about reserving a certain percentage or a certain amount of money for entrepreneurs across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” Ramos said.

“There is an income gap that exists in the commonwealth and across the country and part of the reason why that exists is because of legislation laws that disproportionately impact people of color and laws from the past and continue to haunt us today. Because legislation is what got us into this wealth gap, we must be intentional about using legislation to close it.”

Rep. Jacob Oliveira, D-Ludlow, also shared his thoughts on the proposal and said one thing he would like to prioritize with the funding is job training.

“We should be making sure we invest these onetime dollars in areas where we can get people back to work and train people in order to invest in the areas that will further grow the workforce,” Oliveira said. “Another area in need of investment is community development. Investing in our communities and their projects can help build the economic vitality of our regions.”

Oliveira also said the important thing to know is the Baker administration’s plan is currently an outline and he and Ramos want to make sure they can help steer aid to communities they represent.

“Bureaucrats in Boston don’t know the communities that we represent,” Oliveira said. “The

legislators, otherwise known as the people on the ground, know exactly what our communities need.”

Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer, said using some of the money to boost public projects and private manufacturing could benefit the entire region by creating jobs and providing greater mobility.

“There could be a lot of benefits, especially on the transportation side of things which seem like they will be quite good,” Gobi said. “The other kind of thought I’m looking at is, the president is talking about a big manufacturing bill that should be coming out shortly as well. I think for the manufacturers in this area there will be a lot of opportunities and some partnerships, so I think we’re going to be in great shape,” Gobi said.

Rep. Todd Smola, R-Warren, said he would like to see some of the money spent on education and for town-level officials to have a voice on how to target aid.

“Making sure schools get what they need is a priority,” Smola said. “The idea is to have a partnership between the state and local municipalities. The problems that Palmer has to deal with are not the same problems Warren has to deal with. It’s not a one size fits all approach.”

For a lot of areas, I think unemployment is still an issue and there’s a chain reaction with our local businesses,” Smola said. “So, getting people back to work and getting them the support they need while at the same time making sure that now the emergency has been lifted in Massachusetts, you have to get the wheels moving again. It takes time to get the wheels moving again. It’s not an easy thing to do.”

To learn more about the direct federal aid, go to mass.gov/orgs/office-of-the-governor/news.

Editor Michel Harrison contributed to this story.

New Braintree Garden Tour this weekend

The initial flurry of planting and weeding is done, and now there’s time to check out what others are doing in their gardens. Join fellow garden-lovers in exploring a variety of gardens in New Braintree as they travel along the beautiful country roads surrounded by farmland. The tour takes them to unique garden spaces across this central Massachusetts town.

“Garden tours are wonderful inspiration. The exposure to new plants, workable design ideas and like-minded gardeners is a wonderful way to spend a day outdoors,” said Deb Morrison, while she weeded and pruned her garden for visitors. “I look forward to seeing what my fellow gardeners have done with their spaces.” Whether you like water features,

kitchen gardens, propagation beds or terraced gardens, there is something for everyone. Who knows what will be around the next corner. Come find out.

This tour highlights six gardens and four farms in New Braintree on June 26 and 27. The gardens are open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. both days. Tickets can be purchased at <https://EQLT.org> at the ‘Benefit Garden Tour’ tab. Prices through June 21 are \$15 for individuals or \$30 for a family of two to five members. After June 21, the prices increase to \$20 for individuals or \$40 for a family. Tickets can be purchased during June 26 and 27 at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road.

Don’t forget to bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to eat in one



of the host gardens. Garden tour proceeds benefit the programs of the East Quabbin Land Trust as it cares for the land that sustains the community. Also, plants may be available for purchase at one or more of the gardens. Call 413-477-8229 with additional questions.

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financial burden on the people trying to care for them.

At one of the feral cat colonies in Ware, the owner had to go into a nursing home and their health care proxy and neighbors reached out to HTAT to make sure the cats were safe and cared for. With their help, Hutchinson was able to trap 32 feral cats on the property. The process took close to a year due to COVID-19 restrictions causing the spay/neuter clinic to be shut-down. All of those cats received veterinary care in addition to being spayed/neutered.

While not all property owners reach out for help with their feral cat colonies, Hutchinson said it makes a world of difference for the cats and volunteers if they do. At her current feral cat colony, located on a farm in Ware, Hutchinson has worked with the property owner to trap almost 30 cats and kittens since last year. Those that are young enough are socialized and rehomed, while all

populations can reach out to HTAT Director Rachael Max at 413-324-8224 or smudge@heretodaysanctuary.org or visit www.heretodaysanctuary.org. Residents of Brimfield, Holland, Palmer, Monson, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Wales, Ware or Warren can qualify for low-cost spay or neuter services for cats. Feral and stray cats get fixed for free. Services are supported by the BISSELL Pet Foundation Spay/Neuter Grant, the Shirley Shattuck Windsor Trust and the Massachusetts Animal Coalition’s License Plate Program.

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Whatever you think of it, we're global

By Lee Hamilton
Guest columnist

No matter how hard we try, we really can't avoid one another. We live in a world where what takes place somewhere else on the globe has a very good chance of affecting us along with many others.

The pandemic, of course, is a useful, if sobering, example. A virus that infected humans in one city in China spread with breathtaking speed around the world, beyond the power of governments, or anyone else, to stop it.

But then, it often seems like everything is interconnected these days: workers, tourists, ideas, commerce, communications, drugs, crime, migrants, refugees, weapons, climate impacts... and, of course, illnesses. The scale and speed with which they cross borders are hallmarks of our world, and though governments spend a lot of time trying to manage and control what they can, they're severely limited in what they can accomplish. It's one reason the distinction between "foreign" and "domestic" policy is, at heart, superficial. Globalization is a powerful force in the modern world, and you can see it on your block. Not surprisingly, the forces of globalization generate benefits, challenges, and difficult problems, all of which must be confronted, often simultaneously. Take, for instance, nuclear proliferation. It's dropped out of the headlines but stopping the spread of weapons of mass destruction is an ongoing priority for any U.S. administration and the world. Even with major international agreements in place for the last half-century, nine countries have nuclear weapons' three since the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty went into effect. It was once feared there would be many more, so U.S. and international efforts have been successful; still, a number of countries are on the cusp of developing nuclear weapons. Similarly, global migration brings both opportunity and difficulty. It's estimated there were some 280 million migrants in 2020, 50 million of them in the U.S. alone. This can bring enormous benefits in the innovation, talent, and drive that many immigrant workers possess. But there's no denying that it also causes disruption, both social and economic, and it will remain a domestic political flashpoint for as long as the U.S. remains an attractive destination.

You can also see an example of our interconnectedness, and the issues it raises, whenever you go to a shopping mall. All countries need something from other places, whether it's food or cars or watches or clothing. Economic theory likes this: Countries specialize in making certain things more cheaply and efficiently, and they import the goods that others produce more efficiently. Open trade allows every country to do what it does best. But to factory workers thrown out of their jobs or farmers facing stiff competition from overseas, the details matter a lot. This is why trade talks go on constantly among nations and trade is always high on the list of domestic political issues.

Let's take one more example. Overall, global health is probably better now than it has been in the history of the human race. We've seen much improvement in health and medical care, in prevention and diagnosis, in technology, medications, education and nutrition. But there's a basic fact facing the globe: the world's population is exploding. The 8 billion people who live on the planet are twice the number of just 50 years ago. The UN expects growth to level out, but still projects a world of 11 billion people by century's end. As the COVID-19 pandemic has taught us, health issues faced in any part of the globe can affect us at home at any moment.

None of this is to say that globalization won't see hiccups. There's intense political pressure to erect barriers, both in the U.S. and in other countries, from segments of the population that haven't seen globalization's benefits, only job losses and cultural change. And the pandemic has induced a lot of countries not just to look inward at their health systems, but to recognize that a globalized supply chain leaves them vulnerable to shortages at critical moments and globalized travel demands greater scrutiny. Still, whether we like it or not, we're all interconnected: the challenge is to make it work as well as possible for all of us.

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Reinvigorate your strawberry patch and irises too

My strawberry patch has been producing very well this year. But pretty soon the glut will have passed and it will be time to renovate the patch. Sure, it will be hard work, but it's absolutely necessary if you want to keep the berries coming!

First, get up the courage to run the lawnmower over your row of strawberries. Yes, you heard correctly. This will give you an opportunity to see what you have to work with in a dense planting, as well as cut down on foliar diseases. Set the mower at a height of two and a half to three inches and use the bagger attachment if you have one. Small plantings can be clipped away by hand. Compost the leaves away from your patch.

Now, assess your surroundings and think back to when you were doing all that picking. Was your back sore from reaching in to a very wide row? Were most of your berries on the small side? If you answered yes to both of these questions, then serious renovation is in order.

Use the tiller or a shovel to shrink your row back to a manageable width. Fourteen inches is about as wide as the experts recommend. Choose the healthiest part of your row and measure out 14 inches. Then, remove all the runners that have emerged outside of the boundaries. Those of us in the business of growing things usually find this part difficult. "Can't just this one stay?" Ease your guilt by giving away the extras or use them to start another patch. Next, get rid of any "mother" plants that are four years or older. Unfortunately, they have aged beyond their productivity. Simply dig them up and send them off to the compost pile. Finally, remove daughter plants that are spaced closer than four inches from one another. This is another difficult task, but one that must be accomplished if we want large, healthy berries. As

you work within the row, be sure to eradicate any and all weeds that you come upon, since these will compete with your strawberry plants for moisture and nutrients.

Now that your patch has been renovated, it's time to reinvigorate. Add an inch or two of compost or aged manure to the row, along with a sprinkling of balance organic fertilizer. Water at least every other day for the next couple of weeks or until a healthy stand of leaves has returned to the plants. Keep up with weeding, and continue to pinch back runners until frost hits. Managed in this fashion, a strawberry patch can remain productive for five years or more.

Another favorite plant that may be in need of reinvigoration is your iris. If once upon a time they bloomed strong and now there is barely a blossom to be seen, chances are they are overcrowded. It's time to divide them and replenish their soil. In our climate, this should be accomplished every three or four years. Surprisingly, and unlike most other perennials, division of irises should take place no later than July or August. This will give them ample time to take hold in their new location prior to the ground freezing.

At first glance the act of dividing irises may appear to be difficult. An overgrown iris patch does look like a maze of thick roots, but take heart, the rhizomes are shallow rooted and come out of the ground with relative ease. Start digging at the outer edge of the clump, lifting as you go. Once the entire clump is removed, rhizomes can be pried apart by hand. The healthiest "fans" of foliage are those the furthest from the center. Leave about 2 inches of rhizome attached to each fan for replanting.

If you are changing your site altogether, keep in mind that irises need at least six hours of full sun a day for optimal flowering. They

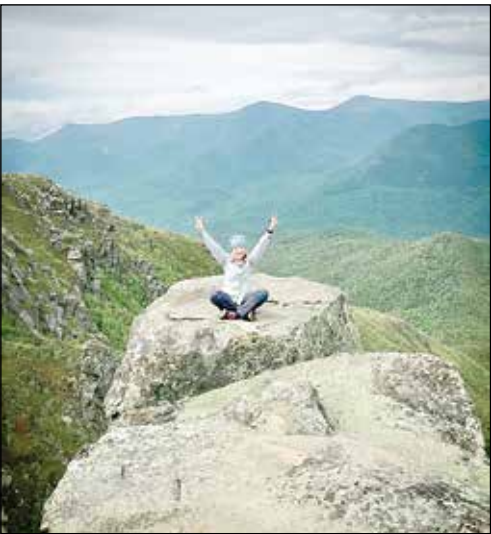
despise "wet feet," so plant where drainage is good. If your soil is lean, compost can be added to enrich it up. While you're at it, add a sprinkling of lime as well; irises prefer a soil near neutral. Dig a shallow hole wide enough to fit the rhizome. Make a ridge of soil in the hole for it to sit on so that its fibrous roots can hang down. The top of the rhizome should be level with the soil surface and exposed, not buried. This goes for bark mulch as well, keep it clear or blooms may be sacrificed. If your irises hardly flower but aren't overcrowded and are planted where they receive enough sun, assess your planting depth and adjust if necessary.

Examine your rhizomes closely when replanting. If you notice a lot of soft, rotten tissue, your iris patch could be infected with the iris borer. Usually by midsummer, one to one and a half inch larvae have made their way from the leaves into the rhizomes. They hollow out the fleshy roots causing foliage to collapse and rot to take over. Control this pest by proper sanitation. In the fall, after a hard frost, cut iris foliage back to the ground as low as possible. Throw it and any nearby debris or mulch away. With any luck, overwintering eggs will be removed by your efforts. In the spring, about the time that the tulips are blooming, inspect iris foliage for chewn edges, small holes, or tan colored water marks running down the leaf. If these are present, tiny larvae can be crushed inside the leaf before they burrow into the rhizome.

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Roberta McQuaid



Julie celebrating on Bondcliff – the final mountain of their 48-mile hike.



After a dozen summits over 48 miles, Tom and Julie enjoying a rest on Bondcliff Mountain.

A missed sign spoils a surprise, but hearts connect just the same

By Julie Midura
Correspondent

I remember the first time Tom and I encountered a backpacker while we were out in the woods on a day hike.

After the man passed us, I declared, "I love hiking, but there is no way I'd want to lug all of that gear on my back just to spend a night in the middle of the woods. At the end of a long day of hiking, I just want a hot shower and a juicy burger."

Fast forward to the present day, with dozens of backpacking trips under our belts. The hot shower has been replaced with an ice-cold stream, and the juicy burger has been replaced with food that is eaten out of the bag it has been cooked in.

And, we wouldn't have it any other way! Although Tom and I love day-hiking, backpacking allows us to unplug from the chaos of the world for more than just a single day. Falling asleep to the sounds of nature while cocooned between the paper-thin walls of our three-person tent brings the outdoor experience to the next level.

Which is why I chose to celebrate the birthday that brings me closer to 60 than to 50 not at a spa but backpacking through the Pemigewasset Wilderness of New Hampshire. I wanted to prove to myself that age is just a number and that I am stronger and more capable than what the date on my birth certificate would suggest.

A 48-mile hike over 12 4,000-foot mountains would do just that.

If you're ultra impressed with our extraordinary feat of endurance and physical prowess, don't be. We didn't complete the loop in one night. We didn't even get it done in two. Rather, we started at 7 p.m. on a Thursday and finished at noon on a Tuesday. Yes, that means that we were out there for six days.

If we are to receive any accolades, it should be due to the fact that we managed to remain married after hiking up and down mountains all day and then sleeping side by side in a tent for five nights with no shower.

One of the numerous highlights of our extraordinary trip was receiving a video from my daughter midway through our hike, when Tom and I were on the ridge between

Galehead Mountain and South Twin.

Prior to our hike, we sent our itinerary to our children so that they would be aware of our planned route. We also sent them one update per day, knowing that they worry about us when we're out backpacking.

Boy, the tides have turned. It's like we're the teenagers now.

Unbeknownst to us, our 25-year old daughter Emelie decided to surprise us by climbing Galehead Mountain and waiting for us to arrive on the summit. Although she is working on climbing all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire, she has never climbed Galehead.

She woke at 2 a.m., drove from Boston to New Hampshire, and arrived at the trailhead at 5 a.m. It was still dark outside. Afraid that she'd miss us, she jumped out of her car and raced past the trailhead sign – never giving it a second glance. She hauled herself up the five-mile trail toward the summit. Along with her essentials, she was carrying a birthday card, cookies, and chocolate for me as well as a Father's Day card and a thermos of hot coffee for Tom.

As she hiked towards the summit of Galehead Mountain, the terrain reminded her of a hike to the summit of Mt. Garfield that she and I had completed together in 2017. She thought that it was strange that the two trails were so similar, but, intent on reaching the summit of Galehead before we did, she brushed it off.

When she arrived at the summit a few hours from the time she started, she immediately realized her mistake.

On her drive to the mountain in the wee hours of the morning, she had shut off her GPS once she arrived at the dirt road leading to the trailhead. What she failed to realize is that there are TWO trailheads a short distance from each other on the same dirt road. She had parked her car at the first trailhead sign she reached – never even looking at the sign in her haste to surprise us on the summit.

As she reached the summit, she realized why the trail had looked so familiar. She was standing on Garfield, not Galehead. She had climbed the wrong mountain!

I received her video message when I was



Julie and Tom on the summit of Mt. Lafayette while backpacking for five days.

standing on South Twin. At first, I was disappointed that I had missed out on seeing my daughter in person on the summit; but when I watched the video message she sent me from two mountains away, my heart filled with gratitude. I couldn't possibly have felt her love more than if she had been standing right beside me.

The birthday surprise never happened, but the gift was not the chocolate, the cookies, or the card. It was the knowledge that my daughter had climbed a mountain for me. We may not have been physically connected, but in that moment, my heart could not have been joined more completely with hers.

Five nights... 12 summits... 48 miles... and memories that will last a lifetime!

We fell asleep under the stars.
We awoke with the sun.
We tasted freedom.
We heard silence.
We inhaled serenity.
We talked. We listened. We laughed.
We rejoiced on every summit.

It's amazing how little we need in this life to be truly happy.

Once we arrived on Bondcliff – the final mountain of our hike – we remained on the summit for over four hours. We placed our Z-Rest sleep pads on a flat rock, laid on our backs, and closed our eyes while the billowing white clouds floated above us.

There was nowhere we needed to be. There was no need to rush down. Since we planned to primitive camp for one final night, we had all the time in the world.

And we used it wisely.
And that, my friends, is backpacking!

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Team 785A, comprised of team Captain Michaela Tourtellot, Co-captain, and Lead Programmer Ethan Griswold, Scoring Specialist McKenna Martin, Game Specialist Harrison Lavoie, Operator Hunter Skowyra, and Programmer Catalina Mudgett.

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At the World Championship, held remotely, the team competed against some 800 teams from 35 countries with their robot, Rome, to successfully complete all of its assigned tasks. The team was able to win three of its four matches on the first day, and two additional matches on the second.



Team 785A's Operator Hunter Skowyra puts the team's robot, Rome, through its paces.

Although the team was defeated in the finals, the students' efforts were acknowledged by their instructors and Pathfinder staff last week.

Electronic Technology Instructor and VEX Robotics Club Mentor Kyle Lussier said from day one, the members of Team 785A buckled down and prepared to give it their all at each competition.

"They reached out to us immediately and said 'we don't want to stop dead in the water,'" Lussier said.

"They asked if they could come to the school, socially distanced, get the tools they need, and just dove into it headfirst on their own."

He also said the dedication of Team 785A is something that goes beyond the previous teams the school has fielded in the past.

"In all the years we've been doing it, I've never seen a team as dedicated and devoted as them," Lussier said.

Team 785A is proud of making it to World Championship and nearly claiming global supremacy.

"I think that it was a pretty successful year," Griswold said.

"We experienced a lot more, in a much shorter span of time than other teams normally would."

Matin said it was an amazing experience to make it the world stage, especially considering the work that went into it.

"We really stepped up to the plate to do it," Martin said. "We started staying after school until eight o'clock. There was one night that we stayed after until around 10 o'clock. We spent a lot of time here preparing the robot, a whole new field setup, and game strategy in just four days, to start competing in actual live remote events with other teams. It was a challenge, but it was a good challenge."

Along with Lussier and fellow Pathfinder Electronic Technology Instructor Guy Nyzio, CEO of Sanderson Macleod Mark Borsari, who donated new parts and registered the team for competitions, are to thank for the team's progress. Father Stefan Niemczyk, of Devin Mercy Parish, who provided the team a place to meet, design and build their robot, is also to thank for the team making it to the world championship, team members and their instructors said.

Troop 281 bottle and can drive, July 10

WARE – On Saturday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, Boy Scout Troop 281 will hold a bottle and can drive at Edgar machine, located next to the car wash, on West Street. Only clean redeemable aluminum can, plastic bottles and glass bottles. No water bottles or non-deposit redeemables please. Due to safety concerns, glass bottles must be in a box or container, not loose in bags. Any questions, call Scoutmaster Dan Flynn 413-297-5886. Thanks for supporting the local Scouting program here in town.



Online auction company a family effort

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

HARDWICK – Hardwick residents Emily Cartier and Brandon Girard have spent the past few months tirelessly preparing a site for auction in Clinton. Owners of Internet Auction Management (i-am.bid), based in Hardwick with office space in Three Rivers, Cartier and Girard manage approximately 20 auctions a year, in addition to five to 10 estate sales.

Their most recent auction site is the former Weetabix cereal manufacturing plant in Clinton, which closed several years ago. The factory, which has multiple buildings and more than 200,000 square feet of industrial space, has been proposed as a possible cannabis cultivation facility. Internet Auction Management specializes in industrial, commercial, and estate/personal property auctions. Their most common industrial auctions range from manufacturing facilities, pharmaceutical, machine shops, process and packaging.

"We are a family-owned business. My partner has been in the industry for 24 years. When we started the company five years ago, we wanted to include our two kids. Our daughter helps us type out our auction catalog. While our son is more hands-on in the business. As

a working mom, I am fortunate enough to find a career where I can have my kids with me," Cartier said.

Cartier said many people search estate sales searching for items that remind them of their childhood, or to add that special item for their collections. Cartier and Girard have seen many rare and unusual items in their line of work. "One of my clients who had been to Antarctica numerous times on expeditions, had a narwhal tusk. It was the first time I have ever seen one. It was probably the coolest thing I have ever seen on the job," Cartier said.

Cartier said they travel all over the United States and Canada for industrial auctions. For estates, they stay within the Southern New England area. The average time to prepare an estate sale for auction ranges anywhere from one to five days. Whereas an industrial auction can take as long as two to four weeks for setup, and an additional two to six weeks for removal.

Internet Auction Management's online auction of the contents of the Weetabix cereal manufacturing plant (including process and packaging equipment) will open Wednesday, June 30, and will start closing Thursday, July 1. Auction details, photos, information on how to register can be found on their website www.i-am.bid.



Courtesy photos
Emily Cartier is co-owner of Internet Auction Management, along with her partner Brandon Girard. Here she is seen at the former Weetabix cereal company building in Clinton, which they will be auctioning off.



Everything goes at the former Weetabix cereal company auction to be held this week by Hardwick based Internet Auction Management.



A Hardwick based auction company will run an auction at the former Weetabix cereal company in Clinton.

Paige Memorial Library summer reading starts June 24

HARDWICK – The children's summer reading program at Paige Memorial Library, 87 Petersham Road, will have the theme is Tales and Tails. Sign-up starts June 24, with an interactive program "Earth Rhythms" by Roger Tincknel. Participants will receive a sum-

mer reading packet which includes a book log, a library Scavenger Hunt sheet, and items to create a collage of the "Tales" of your Summer. These collages will be photographed and posted on the library's website and Facebook pages.

Children will borrow books from

the Paige Memorial Library, record the names of the books on the book logs, then turn in the completed book logs on or before Aug. 5, when they will receive a ticket for a drawing for prizes.

The closing program on Aug. 5 will feature Tim Kane and a lively

interactive drumming presentation. "Take and Make" kits will be available for pick-up June 24 through Aug. 5. Call 413-477-6704 or email director.paigelibrary@gmail.com for more information. The Paige Library wishes everyone a wonderful summer full of Tales and Tails.

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Smola backs sales tax holiday for August 14-15

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that Massachusetts residents will soon be able to enjoy a two-day reprieve from the state sales tax, thanks to the Legislature’s approval of a sales tax holiday for mid-August.

“This is great news for Massachusetts,” said Smola. “This has been an unbelievably difficult year for local retailers and hopefully this tax incentive will result in a big weekend for sales.”

During the sales tax holiday, businesses will be allowed to waive the 6.25% state sales tax on most consumer purchases totaling \$2,500 or less. The

sales tax will still apply to all telecommunications, tobacco, utilities, motor vehicle, motorboat, and meals purchases, as well as any single item with a price in excess of \$2,500.

Massachusetts first offered a one-day sales tax holiday in 2004 before expanding it to a two-day event the following year. With the exception of 2009, the state has offered a sales tax holiday every summer during the month of August since 2004. This year’s sales tax holiday will be the twelfth one offered in the past 12 years.

For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

Smola supports temporarily extending COVID-19 policies

Continuation of outdoor dining, virtual meetings included in bill

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) joined with his House and Senate colleagues to temporarily extend several policy changes that were implemented during the COVID-19 state of emergency to assist municipalities, businesses and residents.

Senate Bill 2475, An Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency, was enacted by the

House of Representatives on June 15 on a roll call vote of 150-10, and is now before Gov. Charlie Baker for his review and signature. The bill represents a compromise negotiated by a six-member conference committee, which worked to reconcile the differences between earlier versions of the bill previously approved in both legislative branches.

Smola said Senate Bill 2475 allows for several pandemic-related changes to continue through the end of this year, and in some cases into next year. For example, the bill:

- extends outdoor table service and outdoor alcohol service until April 1, 2022;
- extends the sale of cocktails “to go” in conjunction with food take-out orders until May 1, 2022, and

requires the price of the alcohol to be the same whether it is consumed at the restaurant or off-premises;

- allows government bodies to continue to conduct meetings virtually until April 1, 2022, as long as members of the public can easily access the proceedings in real time and participate remotely;
- allows quorum requirements for Town Meetings to be reduced to not less than 10% of the normal quorum requirement, through Dec. 15, 2021;
- requires landlords, until Jan. 1, 2023, to include a form with a notice to quit for non-payment of rent that informs tenants about their rights in an eviction case and rental assistance options;
- extends virtual reverse mortgage counseling until Dec. 15, 2021;

allows notaries public to continue using electronic videoconferencing to perform acknowledgements, affirmations, and other acts until Dec. 15, 2021; and

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1. College group

5. Small morsels of food

11. Actress Dunham

12. Puts a limit on

16. Used for baking or drying

17. Commercial

18. Zookeeper Bindi

19. Walk in one's sleep

24. The Great Lakes State

25. Winter sport

26. A thin layer on something

27. Peacock network

28. Give birth to a lamb or kid

29. "Too Scared to Cry" author

30. Nose

31. Friend

33. Country music legend Haggard

34. Curved

38. More deformed

39. Bleated

40. Set on its end

43. An aspect of Ra

44. Releasing hormone (abbr.)

45. Harsh, grating noise

49. __ Francisco

50. Common Japanese surname

51. Punish with an arbitrary penalty

53. Football position (abbr.)

54. Not in the know

56. African antelope

58. Popular tech (abbr.)

59. Baseball teams get three of them

60. Make up one's mind

63. __ Spumante (Italian wine)

64. Martens

65. Susan and Tom are two

2. Put an end to

3. Blood disorder

4. Ingredient in wine

5. Shellfish

6. Made smaller

7. We

8. The Treasure State

9. __ Eklund, actress

10. Male parent

13. One hundredth of a watt (abbr.)

14. Dish of minced meat

15. Smothered laugh

20. Article

21. Atomic #12

22. Small parrot

23. Fictional "Star Wars" planet

27. French wine grape

29. Football stat (abbr.)

30. Sound unit

31. Where you sleep

32. University of Dayton

33. Miller beer offering

34. Feel embarrassed

35. Able to be estimated

36. Commune in NW France

37. Adult female chicken

38. Intergovernmental organization

40. Archaic term for until

41. That which is not sacred

42. Sound made in speech

44. Handgun (slang)

45. Fill up again

46. Evoke or awaken

47. Beam Me Up, __!

48. Spider wasp genus

50. Headdress

51. Exclamation of surprise

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54. Figures

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61. Megabyte

62. The Prairie State

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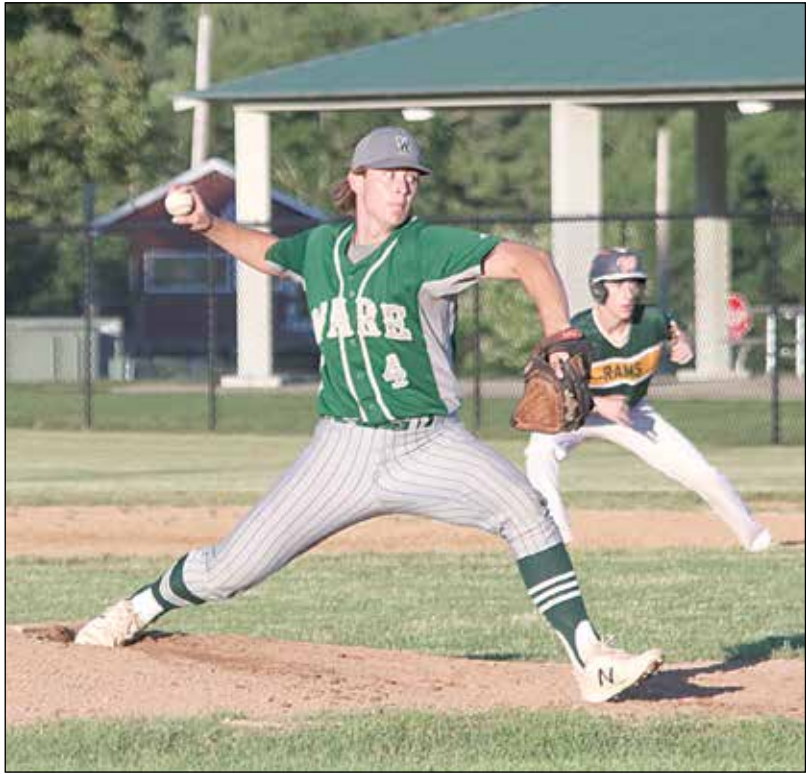
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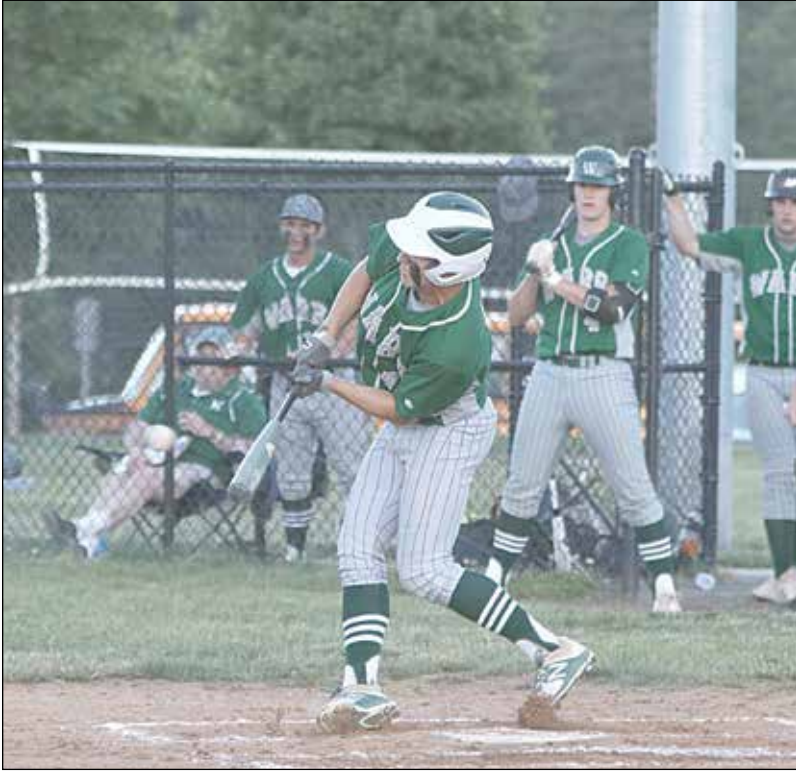
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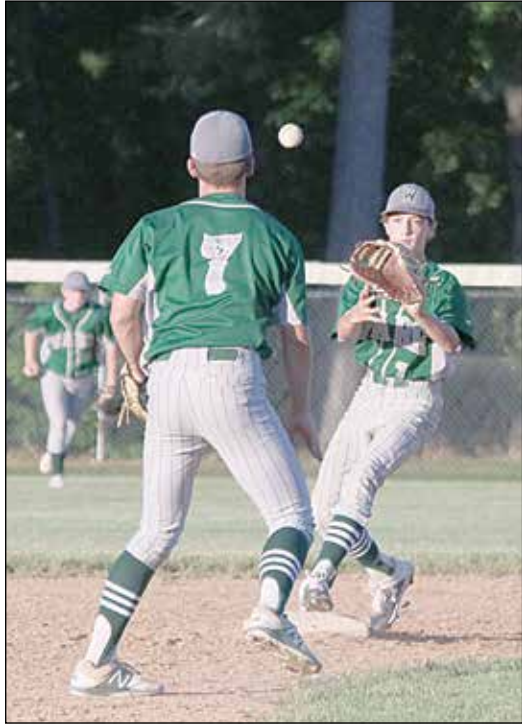


Keith Smith pitches early in the game for the Indians.



Dillon Slattery swings and makes contact for the Indians. Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli

Ware edged by Southwick in season finale



Andrew Soltys sends a throw to second baseman John Mumper.

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SOUTHWICK—It has been more than 10 years since Ware High School has failed to qualify for the Western Mass. baseball tournament. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, every high school baseball team in the state had the option to play in this year's postseason tournament. Ware entered the Western Mass. Division 4 tournament as the fifth seed after posting a 9-4 regular season record. The Indians had a 9-1 record after defeating archrival Palmer, 16-2, under the lights at Legion Field on June 9. They closed out the regular season with a three-game losing streak. After losing at Granby the day after blowing out Palmer, the Indians lost a pair one

run road games against St. Mary's of Westfield (4-3) and Southwick (6-5). Ware did squeak out a one run home win against the Southwick Rams (4-3) in the first meeting of the season between the two teams, which took place in the middle of May. "We've played two close games with Southwick this year. They've become one of our rivals during the past couple of years," said Slattery following last Tuesday night's one-run loss to Southwick at Whalley Park. "It was a crazy game tonight and Southwick got all of the breaks." The Indians battled back from an early 3-1 deficit against Southwick, who's playing in the Division 3 tournament, to take a 4-3 lead in

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Owen Welsh eyeballs the pitcher as he starts his lead off first base.

Cougars fall in AD's tournament

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

SHREWSBURY—Only a handful of high school seniors have concluded their athletic career's by playing in a championship game or match. Led by senior's Ethan Richards, Evan Allen, Josh Gray, and Liam Flynn, the Quaboag boys tennis faced Hopedale in the inaugural Central Mass. Athletic Director's Association Division 3 championship match. The Cougars season came to an end following a 4-1 loss to the Blue Raiders who captured the Division 3 state title two years ago, in a hard-fought battle at Shrewsbury High School, last Thursday afternoon. "We played a very competitive match against the defending state champions," said John O'Neill, who wrapped up his 27th season as the Cougars boys' tennis coach. "The first singles match was really close. The second singles match went to three sets, and we won the third singles match. We could've easily been shut-out and we could've been blown out in today's match, but that wasn't the case. The kids worked extremely hard out there." The Cougars, who decided not to participate in this year's MIAA Central Mass. tournament for various reasons, finished the 2021 campaign with a 9-3 overall record. O'Neill is happy that his players had the chance to play tennis this spring after the 2020 season was canceled do to the COVID-19 pandemic. "There were a lot of unknowns coming into this season," he said. "You didn't know if you were going to have to play with masks the entire season or if you would be even able to finish the season. To play a full season is just a blessing. I'm really proud of my players."



Brandon Allen goes low to send the ball back.



Ethan Richards follows through on a return hit. Photos by Dan Flynn

Hopedale (10-0) and Bartlett were the only Division 3 boys tennis teams from Central Massachusetts, who opted to play

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Pioneers keep on winning

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—Blake Mullen, who's the Western Mass. Pioneers starting goalkeeper, was swarmed by a group of kids seeking his autograph following last Friday's home match versus AC Connecticut. It was the most action he saw the entire evening. Mullen only made one save during the match and his teammates took care of the rest of the business, as the Pioneers posted a 3-0 shut-out victory before a large crowd at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow. It was the Pioneers fourth shutout in their first seven matches of the regular season. "To be able to post a shutout, especially in front of our fans here at Lusitano Stadium, just feels fantastic," said Mullen after he finished

signing autographs. "The defense is playing very well and we're also scoring a lot of goals this season, which is awesome." Mullen, who's from Manchester, Conn., has been the Pioneers starting goalie since 2019. He was the USL League Two Golden Glove winner that season. Since losing a road match to the Boston Bolts, 4-0, in the season opener on May 11, the Pioneers have posted a 5-0-1 record and have outscored their opponents, 14-2. The Western Mass. squad is battling the Bolts for first place in the USL League Two Northeast Division standings. "The players are playing with a lot of confidence right now," said Western Mass. Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "We just need to

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Nicholas Oberrauch makes his way up the field.

Karl Oliveira remembered as Tri-County rivals clash

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

THORNDIKE – Paul Marcinek and Karl Oliveira were teammates on the St. Joseph's baseball team, which competes in the Tri-County League, for more than twenty years. During a pregame ceremony held prior to the start of last Friday night's home opener against archrival Peoples Bank, Marcinek spoke about his longtime friend and teammate, who passed away unexpectedly on April 26. "Karl Oliveira was Palmer. Karl Oliveira was St. Joe's. The loss of Karl Oliveira cannot be measured in words," said Marcinek following the game, which was won by Peoples Bank, 3-2 in eight innings.

"To have the honor and the privilege to play baseball with Karl for so long was something very special. This was a very meaningful night for everyone here." Besides being a player/manager for St. Joe's, Oliveira was also a member of the East Longmeadow Navigators in the National Division. One of the things that Marcinek told the large crowd during the ceremony, which was followed by a moment of silence, was what it used to be like playing baseball games at St. Joe's Ballpark in front of large crowds on Friday nights during the summertime. "This was what this placed always looked like on Friday night's back in the day," said Marcinek, who replaced Oliveira

as the St. Joe's player/manager. "We've won many home games on Friday nights, and we also lost many games on Friday nights." A couple of former St. Joe's players came back and played in last Friday's game in honor of Oliveira. The St. Joe's players wore #9, which was Karl's uniform number during batting practice. A Peoples Bank uniform with the #9 on the back was hung on the fence near their bench. Jim Long, who was the manager for Peoples Bank, passed away during the season several years ago. Karl Oliveira was listed in the sixth spot in the St. Joe's batting

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Coby wins second straight race

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. – Six-time NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour champion Doug Coby rocketed to his second straight victory at Riverhead Raceway on Sunday, June 20, to cap what was a remarkable week for the Connecticut native. Coby won the inaugural Superstar Racing Experience (SRX) event at Stafford Motor Speedway on June 12, then announced his NASCAR Camping World Truck Series debut will take place for GMS Racing at Bristol Motor Speedway in September. On Sunday, in the Buzz Chew Chevrolet Cadillac 200 at Riverhead -- a race postponed one day due to weather -- Coby domi-

nated -- leading 149 laps en route to his 31st career Whelen Modified Tour win. The victory tied Coby with Jeff Fuller for fifth on the all-time wins list and started a streak at the one track where victory eluded him for so many years. "We hit on something here," Coby said. "It's an awesome deal for our Mayhew Tools team to come here to Riverhead and keep grinding. In Victory Lane for round two at Riverhead. Who would've thought that Doug Coby would be in contention to sweep Riverhead three times in a year when we come back in September? It's so hard here, and we've hit on something." The victory was Coby's sec-

ond of the Whelen Modified Tour season, and helped him climb a little bit closer in the championship standings with six races complete. Coby missed the event at Oswego Speedway on June 12 to compete with SRX -- therefore, he was nearly 50 points out of the lead entering the race, in eighth place. With the win, Coby jumped to fourth, and sits 41 points back heading for the next event. Doug Coby will return to the track on Wednesday, June 30, at Seekonk Speedway with the Tri Track Open Modified Series. The next event on the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour schedule is Saturday, July 17, at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.



Pitcher Jake Graveline pitches for the Bankers.



Devin Slattery makes a throw to first for PeoplesBank.



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Jon Miarecki pitches for St. Joe's.

Blue Sox win pair of comeback games

HOLYOKE – The Valley Blue Sox (9-4) hosted their Father’s Day celebration against the Bristol Blues (3-11) on Sunday night, where they made a major comeback in the ninth inning to win the game 4-3.

In collaboration with the Trey Mancini Foundation, fans wore blue in support of colorectal cancer research. Mancini is an alum of the Valley Blue Sox organization, competing on the 2011 roster, and was selected by the Baltimore Orioles in the eighth round (249th overall) of the 2013 MLB First Year Player Draft. In 2020, Mancini was diagnosed with colon cancer, and the Blue Sox honored his time in the Valley at the game on Sunday, where fans could be seen donning blue ribbons in support of the cause.

The Blues, who have been on the bottom of the Southern Division standings, came to

MacKenzie looking for revenge after their 11-0 loss to Valley on June 16th.

The game started fast for the Blues, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. The Blue Sox were unable to get on the scoreboard until the fourth inning, when Jonathan Kelly of Xavier University had an RBI single.

The Blues responded in the top of the fifth inning, pushing their lead to 3-1. Valley then went to score in the bottom of the sixth, but the game remained scoreless until the ninth inning, when Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) made yet another game-altering play that resulted in two RBIs to come from behind and win the game.

“It feels good to come back and get the win,” said Andrews, who has been a ninth inning hero for the Blue Sox in multiple games this season. “We

didn’t have the best game hitting in the first eight innings, so I’m glad we could get it done in the ninth.”

Blue Sox 7, Westerners 6

The Valley Blue Sox (8-3) faced the Danbury Westerners (5-6) in their second matchup of the season Saturday night at MacKenzie Stadium, where they came back to win the game 7-6.

The theme for the 7:05 p.m. game was School’s Out, and the night was all about the kids, featuring a Bubble DJ and face painter in attendance.

The first time the Blue Sox faced the Westerners, they took the game by a score of 12-7.

The Friday night game started off slow for the Westerners, with two strikeouts dished out in the first inning from Aaron Hubbell of Belmont University. The bottom of the second brought the first run of the game

from a Brian Hart (Marist) RBI that brought Nate Thomas (St. Josephs) home. Then, after great plays from the Valley outfielders to prevent the Westerners from making their mark on the scoreboard, Brenden Hueth (St. Josephs) sprinted his way to first and slyly stole second, bringing Jack Housinger (Xavier) home.

The game evened out from a two-run home run from Matt Zaffino (Fairfield) of the Westerners. The score stood at 2-2 heading into the fourth inning, where Valley was able to score again off of a Travis Holt RBI double.

The lead was short-lived. The Westerners then scored three runs in the top of the sixth to take the lead by a score of 5-3. The Blue Sox stayed in the deficit for a majority of the game,

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in the regular MIAA tournament this year. They were slated to meet in the Central Mass. finals on Monday.

The only year that the Quaboag boy’s tennis team captured the Central Mass. championship title was in 2002 when the Cougars defeated Groton-Dunstable in the Division 2 finals. They then lost to Bedford High School in the state finals. The Cougars have made three appearances in the Central Mass. finals during the past 15 years.

The last time that the Cougars met the Blue Raiders was in the 2019 Central Mass. semifinals, which were held at Quaboag Regional. The Blue Raiders celebrated a 4-1 victory in that match, which was the Cougars only loss of the season. The two teams also met in the 2013 quarterfinals with the Blue Raiders squeaking out a 3-2 win.

Bartlett and Grafton were the only two teams to defeat the Cougars during the 2021 regular season.

Quaboag advanced into the CMADA finals by posting a 5-0

road victory against Bartlett in the semifinals on June 12. Three of the five matches were decided in three sets.

“That was a huge win for us. We were able to pull it out with a win by our first doubles team,” O’Neill said. “Bartlett was undefeated, and they had beaten us during the regular season.”

While Flynn only played for the Cougars boys’ tennis team for this season, Richards, Allen, Gray, who were the tri-captains this spring, all joined the team in the seventh grade.

“The four seniors are great kids and they’re valuable members of our team. We’re going to miss all of them very much,” said O’Neill, who has also been the Quaboag varsity field hockey coach for almost 40 years. “Ethan and Evan played doubles together for a couple of years and they rarely lost. They beat the Hopedale doubles team in the 2019 semifinals. They were also the SWCL doubles champions in 2019. They played singles for the first time this year. Josh and Liam both played very well at doubles this season.”

Flynn and Gray are both

Eagle Scouts.

“We’ve never had two Eagles Scouts on the tennis team at the same time, which is pretty special,” O’Neill said. “It says a lot about the character of the kids that we have on this year’s team.”

Gray was also the team manager for the field hockey team since he was in the eighth grade. Coach O’Neill is one of his role models.

“John has been one of the biggest role models in my life,” Gray said. “He’s opened up doors for me that would never be opened if I didn’t join the tennis team. He’s a great coach. I loved being a member of this team and we had an outstanding season.”

Hopedale swept the first and second double matches, which gave them a 2-0 lead in the overall match.

“Ideally, you always want to at least split the double matches,” O’Neill said. “Then if you can win two of the three single matches, you’re in pretty good shape.”

In the first doubles match, Hopedale eighth grader Lucas Pannenberg/ junior Josh Miller

defeated freshman Evan Long/ Flynn 6-3, 6-0.

Gray and sophomore Devon Hurley lost 6-0, 6-0, to Blue Raiders sophomore’s Hudson Terando/Jack Phillips in the second doubles match.

The Cougars kept their hopes of winning the title alive when sophomore Brandon Allen posted a 6-4, 6-4, win over junior Joel Bernardes in third singles.

The Blue Raiders sealed the victory in first singles where senior Tyler Flynn won in two sets over Richards, 6-2, 7-5.

The only match that was decided in three sets was second singles where Hopedale sophomore Luke Tahmoush defeated Evan Allen 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.

The other members of the Quaboag boy’s tennis team are seventh grader Camden Olivio, freshman Owen Allen, and freshman Forrest Dezfoli.

“We’ll have some roles to fill with the four seniors graduating, but we always seem to find a way,” O’Neill said. “We do have some talented players returning next year.”

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order as the designated hitter.

He was replaced by pinch hitter Josh Skowrya in the bottom of the second inning.

“Karl needed to be in the starting line-up on the night that we honored his memory,” Marcinek said. “Everything that was done tonight was very purposeful.”

Following the first pitch of the game, the ball was presented to Karl’s son, Nathan, who was the senior first baseman for the Palmer varsity baseball team this past spring.

The St. Joe’s starting pitcher against Peoples Bank was right-hander Jon Miarecki.

“John was always our starting pitcher whenever we played home games on Friday night’s,” Marcinek said. “He returned for tonight’s game and I’m not sure how many more games he’ll be starting for us this season.”

Miarecki, who graduated from Ware High School, helped the Indians baseball team win a couple of championship titles back in the 1980’s.

Marcinek, who played base-

ball at Quaboag Regional, lost in the state semifinal game against Miarecki and the Indians at St. Joe’s Ball Park.

Two other players, who returned for St. Joe’s last Friday night were Russ Lloyd and Jay Eldridge.

Eldridge drove home both of St. Joe’s runs in last Friday’s game with singles to center field. Both runs were scored by second baseman Ryan Magni.

The rivalry between the two Tri-County league team is like the Red Sox and Yankees rivalry. The members of both teams do have a tremendous amount of respect for each other.

“If we’re the Red Sox, they (People’s) would be our Yankees,” Marcinek said. “They always win and always put a quality team on the field. To win a championship title in this league, you always have to go through Peoples Bank. They’re in the finals every year.”

Peoples Bank has won the last seven Tri-County League titles.

Jon Ferry, who played for Peoples Bank in 2019, has returned to St. Joe’s this season as a player/coach.

Jon’s younger brother, Joe, is in his second season as the Peoples Bank player/manager.

“Jon used to play for St. Joe’s before he decided to play for my team in 2019,” Joe Ferry said. “When Karl passed away, he felt the need to go back over there and be a player/ coach. I can’t respect him more as his brother for doing that. I would like to be teammates with my older brother for another season before we stop playing baseball.”

Joe Ferry also played for St. Joe’s and was a member of the 2006 championship team.

“I played with Karl from 2004 until 2008,” said Ferry, who graduated from Palmer High School. “Karl was a great guy and it’s a huge loss for our entire league. He’s a legend in Palmer. This has always been a friendly rivalry and he spoke highly of everyone on our team. It’s always a lot of fun playing against St. Joe’s.”

St. Joe’s (1-1) held a 2-0 lead entering the top of the sixth inning in last Friday’s contest.


Peoples Bank scored a pair of runs in that frame, which tied the game at 2-2.

Both teams stranded runners in scoring position in the seventh inning

Dave Clark, who was a pinch hitter for Peoples in the top of the sixth, beat out an infield hit leading off the top of the eighth inning. After stealing second base, he advanced to third on a balk. Then shortstop Devin Slattery, who graduated from Ware High School in 2019, flied out to left field. Clark did not immediately break towards the plate on the play, but when the left fielder’s throw home skipped away from the catcher, he was able to score the go-ahead.

Righty Garrett Baker, who had replaced Peoples starter Jake Graveline with one-out in the sixth, wound up being the winning pitcher. He walked St. Joe’s Brandon Magni with one-out in the seventh before retiring the next two batters with a strikeout and flyout ending the ballgame.

“This was a very big win for us,” said Joe Ferry, who’s team entered this week’s action with a 2-0 record. “It was one of those games where we were challenged.”



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JACK TWEEDIE

WARE

Tweedie is one of four seniors who played his final volleyball game for the Indians last week. He has been with the program since seventh grade.

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the top of the fourth inning.

With one-out in that frame, junior third baseman Cam Balicki was hit-by-a-pitch before stealing second base. Senior designated hitter Aiden Clark drew a walk and was replaced at first base by pinch runner Nicholas Gambino, who’s a junior. Then freshman second baseman John Mumper poked a double down the right field line scoring Balicki. Gambino scored the tying run on a wild pitch. The go-ahead run crossed the plate on a sacrifice fly to center field by senior Keith Smith, who was the Indians starting pitcher.

Because of the new MIAA pitch count rule, Smith threw a total of 53 pitches in 2 2/3 innings, which allowed him to start his team’s first postseason game three nights later.

“I really don’t like the pitch count rule,” Slattery said. “I can control my pitchers and I know when to take them out when they’re tired.”

Junior Andrew Soltys and Balicki, who were the Indians two relief pitchers against the Rams, also threw less than 50 pitchers.

Southwick (9-5) retook the lead in the home half of the inning by scoring two unearned runs.

The Indians had a runner caught stealing to end the fifth inning and another runner was tagged out at the plate by the Southwick pitcher ending the top of the sixth inning.

Soltys, who started the game at

shortstop, walked leading off the top of the seventh inning. He stole second base and advanced to third on a wild pitch. After the next two Indians batters struck out, Soltys scampered home when a pitch bounced of the catcher up the third base line.

“It was a great feeling when I scored the tying run on a wild pitch with two outs,” Soltys said. “When I saw the ball get away from the catcher, I knew it was my chance to score.”

The game didn’t stay tied for very long, as Southwick junior shortstop Nick Michael hit a walk-off home run over the right field fence.

The Indians, who have reached the Western Mass. semifinals the last three years that the tournament has been held, defeated 12th Drury High School, 9-2, in a first-round home game, last Friday night.

It was most likely the final varsity baseball game at Memorial Field for Clark, Smith, and senior first baseman Dillon Slattery.

“I’ve been playing sports with the three seniors since I was eight years old and they’re like big brothers to me,” Soltys said. “It’s going to be very weird not having them around next year, especially on the baseball field. Those guys really care about all of the younger players on the team, which is a great feeling.”

Ware was scheduled to face fourth-seeded McCann Tech in a quarterfinal final game at Joe Wolfe Stadium in North Adams on Monday night.

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keep improving in every match.”

Mullen and his teammates recorded a 2-0 shutout victory in the first meeting of the season against AC Connecticut (1-6), which was played at Dillon Stadium in Hartford, Connecticut on May 26. Their other two shutouts came against FC Malaga City.

The Pioneers are scheduled to play a friendly versus Hartford Athletic, who played in the USL championship in 2019, at Dillon Stadium on July 20.

The Pioneers, who finished in first place in the Northeast league standings in 2019, are hoping to qualify for the playoffs again this season.

“It definitely feels like we’re doing something special again this season,” Mullen said. “It was an awesome experience playing in the playoffs two years ago. We’re hoping to host a home playoff match this year.”

The Pioneers defeated the North Carolina Fusion U23 squad, 3-1, in the 2019 Eastern Conference semi-fi-

nals before losing to Reading United AC, who were the host team, 1-0, in the finals.

Mullen gave a lot of credit to the defense for making his job very easy. The starting defenders for the Pioneers in last Friday’s home match were Federico Gutierrez, Nicholas Oberrauch, Carlos Emery, Carlos Ferrando.

“I’ve really enjoyed having those guys playing in front of me this year,” Mullen said. “They just love playing defense.”

Gutierrez, who was the Pioneers game captain, suffered a left ankle injury at the end of the first half. He was replaced by Federico Ucar at the start of the second half.

“Losing a player to injury like Federico Gutierrez definitely hurts a lot,” Mullen added. “We do have some talented players on the bench. Federico Ucar came in and played very well.”

Mullen took over the captain role from Gutierrez during the second half.

“Being a captain of this soccer team is something that you always dream about,” he said. “It was a huge



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Ignacio Lerech tries to find away around his opponents.

honor for me to be captain for the first time during the second half. I really appreciate Federico giving it to me.”

The Pioneers captain is Maxi Viera, who has missed the past couple of matches with an injury. Connor Hicks, who’s from Monson,

is also sidelined with an injury.

Just like the fans sitting in the stands, Mullen has enjoyed watching the duo of forward Patrick Agyemang and midfielder Ignacio Lerech combine offensively. They’re both first-year members of the team.

“Patrick and Ignacio have combined so well together. It seems like they’ve been playing together for years,” Mullen said. “Both of them are always looking to score goals and it’s awesome having them play for our team this year.”

During the 8th minute of the last Friday’s match, Agyemang sent a forward pass to Lerech, who sprinted down the right side in front of a defender before firing a shot into the left corner past AC Connecticut goalie Jan Tofern for a breakaway goal giving the home team an early 1-0 lead.

“Scoring a goal is the best feeling in the world, but the most important thing is that we won tonight’s game” Lerech said. “Our goalie and the defense deserve a lot of credit because they’re doing an amazing job. Everyone just did a great job tonight.”

While the Pioneers had several more scoring chances, the score remained 1-0 until late in the first half.

During the 41st minute, Lerech sent the ball into the box from the left side and Jordan Koduah tapped it into the back of the net.

The best scoring chance for AC Connecticut came during the 63rd minute when Mullen tipped a shot attempt by Pascal Derwaritsch over the crossbar resulting in a corner kick.

The Pioneers had a couple of scoring chances during the final ten minutes of the match.

A line drive shot by Khalid Rose was deflected away by Tofern and the rebound shot by Martin Oyenard skipped wide. Another shot by Rose sailed wide a couple of minutes later.

The Pioneers did put a shot into the net during stoppage time, as Guillermo Deal connected with Yosuke Hanya, which sent their faithful supporters home happy for the second week in a row.

Thursday, June 17
 12:10 a.m. Ambulance Request
 Eagle Street – Services Rendered
 9:21 a.m. Ambulance Request
 North Street – Services Rendered
 10:49 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report
 Dale Street – Services Rendered
 3:12 p.m. Motor Vehicle

Sunday, June 6
7:57 a.m. Power Lines/Wires
Down Brimfield Road – Referred to
Other Agency
9:04 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Southbridge Road – Citation Issued
10:33 a.m. Larceny/Theft East
Road – Report Filed

Monday, June 7
8:52 a.m. Threats Old West
Brookfield Road – Arrest(s) Made
9:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Main Street – Citation Issued
9:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Main Street – Citation Issued
9:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Bridges Avenue – Citation Issued

Tuesday, June 8
12:03 a.m. Suspicious Activity
North Street – Officer Spoke to
Party
Summons: Jason E. Hinson, 43,
Warren
Burn Building, Attempt to
Motor Vehicle, Malicious Damage
to c266 §28(a)
8:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop
Main Street – Citation Issued

Subsequent Offense; Distribute Class B Drug, Subsequent Offense; Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law
4:05 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Warren Road – Services Rendered
4:39 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Palmer Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
4:45 p.m. Arrest West Street – Arrest, Felony Charge
Arrest: Tonya L. Calkins, 24, Ware
Drug, Distribute Class B; Conspiracy to Violate Drug Law
4:49 p.m. Ambulance Request North Street – Services Rendered
8:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
9:51 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Walnut Street – No Police Services Necessary
10:02 p.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Main Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Hector Luis Figueroa III, 21, Ware
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Speeding Rate of Speed Exceeding Posted Limit; Disorderly Conduct; License Not in Possession; Vandalize Property c266 §126A
11:10 p.m. Vandalism North Street – Services Rendered

Monday, June 21
5:30 a.m. Ambulance Request
Robbins Road – Referred to Other
Agency
6:05 a.m. Ambulance Request
South Street – Services Rendered

Saturday, June 12
5:52 p.m. Breaking and Entering
Past Residential Pleasant Street –
Report Filed
11:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle
Accident Bacon Street – Report Filed

Derek Tweedie

Tonya Calkins

Michael Estridge

Emmett Harvin

By Paula Ouimette
Staff Writer

WARE – This past weekend resulted in three separate drug-related arrests involving four individuals in the town of Ware.

The first arrest occurred on Friday, June 18, at a basement apartment located at 27-29 Eddy St. This arrest was the result of a search warrant obtained after an investigation by the Ware Police Department. Assisting in the search were the Monson Police Department, Warren Police Department and Massachusetts State Police.

During the search, police found a large amount of crack cocaine, cocaine and cash, and arrested Derek Tweedie, age 29. Tweedie was charged with trafficking a class B drug, cocaine and crack

cocaine, 36-100 grams, manufacturing a class B substance, crack cocaine; resisting arrest; and assault and battery on a police officer. Tweedie was arraigned at Eastern Hampshire District Courthouse in Belchertown.

**Michael Estridge,
Tonya Calkins**

On Saturday, June 19, probable cause was found as a result of continued narcotics investigations, for the arrests of Michael Estridge, age 32, of Main Street, and Tonya Calkins, age 24, of Aspen Street. Estridge was charged with: Distribution of a class B drug, crack cocaine, subsequent offense; distributing a class B drug, crack cocaine, subsequent offense, and conspiracy to violate drug laws. He was held on \$10,000 cash bail.

Calkins was charged with distribution of a class B drug, crack cocaine, and conspiracy to violate drug laws. She was released on personal recognizance and was arraigned at Eastern Hampshire District Courthouse.

Emmett Harvin
Ware Police performed a routine traffic stop on Sunday, June 20, at approximately 10:30 p.m. on South Street. During the stop, police officers recovered an amount of heroin consistent with distribution. Emmett Harvin, age 46, of Easthampton, was charged with: Failure to stop/yield, failure to stop at a stop sign and drug possess with the intent to distribute a Class A drug, heroin.

During the weeks of June 7 to 14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 48 building/property checks, 12 directed/area patrols, eight radar assignments, four traffic controls, 12 emergency 911 calls, nine motor vehicle stops, seven complaints, one motor vehicle accident and five animal calls in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, June 7
12:29 p.m. Initiated –
Complaint High Street – Taken/
Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, June 8
3:02 p.m. Phone – Complaint
Bridge Street – Negative Contact
4:57 p.m. 911 – Disturbance
High Street – Services Rendered
5:55 p.m. Phone – Complaint
Bridge Street – Negative Contact

Wednesday, June 9
4:49 p.m. Initiated – Motor
Vehicle Stop Lower Road –

Citation Issued
7:08 p.m. 911 – Misdial Barre
Road – Spoken To
7:42 p.m. Phone – Complaint
Bridge Street – Spoken To
7:59 p.m. Initiated – Motor
Vehicle Stop Main Street –
Citation Issued

Thursday, June 10
9:31 a.m. Phone – Medical
Alarm Hardwick Road –
Transported to Hospital
10:22 p.m. 911 – Disturbance
Main Street – Services Rendered
10:52 p.m. Phone – Complaint
Hardwick Road – Investigated

Friday, June 11
9:14 p.m. 911 – Medical
Emergency Off Prospect Street –
Transported to Hospital
3:37 p.m. 911 – Medical
Emergency Lower Road –
Transported to Hospital
4:48 p.m. 911 – Misdial
Hardwick Road – Dispatch
Handled

During the weeks of June 7 to 14, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 13 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, two radar assignments, five traffic controls, three emergency 911 calls, one safety hazard and one scam in the town of New Braintree.

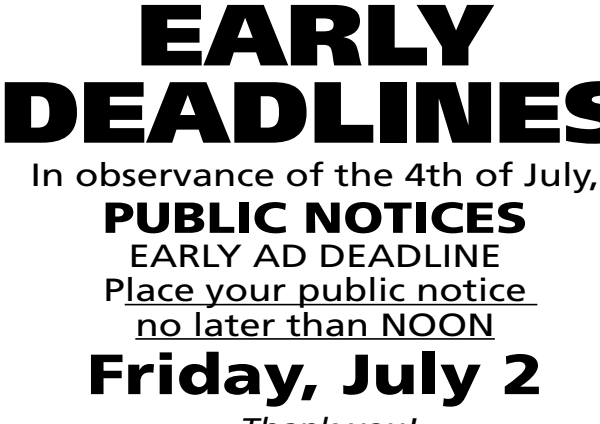
Monday, June 7
10:34 a.m. Phone – Complaint
Moore Road – Could Not Locate
3:07 p.m. Initiated –
Suspicious Activity Hardwick
Road – Report Taken

Tuesday, June 8
5:41 p.m. Phone – Complaint
Unknown – Spoken To
7:03 p.m. Initiated – Serve
Restraining Order Ravine Road –
Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, June 9
11:38 a.m. Phone – Scam
Oakham Road –
Report Taken
9:25 p.m. Phone
– Complaint Ravine
Road – Could Not
Locate
10:54 p.m.
Initiated – Safety
Hazard Worcester
Road – Removed
Hazard

Friday, June 11
4:17 p.m. 911 –
Complaint/Motor
Vehicle Operations

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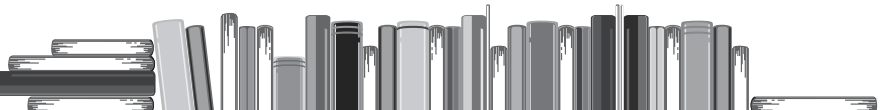
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Ware River News

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Death notices

Gauvin, Richard
Died: June 17, 2021
Memorial Visitation,
June 26, 10 a.m. to noon
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Grushey, Barbara A.
Died: June 19, 2021
Funeral Mass,
June 18, 11a.m.
All Saint's Church
Ware

Rys (Nimtz) (Miller), Lillian
Died: May 22, 2021
Burial: July 10, at 10 a.m.
Hardwick Cemetery
Hardwick

Simonds, Donald Leo
Died: June 19, 2021
Calling hours, June 27,
4 to 6 p.m.
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Ware Lions Club concert series, fireworks planned

WARE – The Ware Lions Club will have its concert series this year every Thursday for five weeks beginning on July 8, in Grenville Park. The concerts will start at 6:30 p.m.

On July 8, there will be Ron Jones & The Diehards, on July 15, Jimmy Mazz, on July 22, Wicked Biscuit, on July 29, Taste of Honey, and on Aug. 5, The 60s Experience.

The club is also very excited to announce that it will have fireworks this year on Saturday, Aug. 14, starring Ware’s own Charlie Lask on stage as Neil Diamond, beginning at 5 p.m. The fireworks will start at 9:30 p.m.

Quabbin Community Band Concert, June 27


BARRE – Head on over to South Barre Common next Sunday, June 27, at 6 p.m., as the Quabbin Community Band performs their second outdoor concert of the summer season at the beautiful Nornay Park. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. Please contact QCB Music Director and Conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions regarding performances or joining the band.

Richard Gauvin

WARE – Richard Gauvin age 69, passed away on Thursday, June 17, of Tantasqua Regional Vocational High School. He worked as a house builder for Ed Artruc, and was employed by J & I Window Sales, Zero Corporation, William E. Wright Company, and Quaboag High School for many years. In 1999, he opened and operated Glass & More, Inc. Richard was also a formerly a Boy Scout Leader.

A memorial visitation for family and friends will be held on Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South St., Ware. Richard will be buried privately following the memorial visitation, in Pine Grove Cemetery in West Brookfield.

In lieu of floral offerings, please consider making a donation to the Boy Scouts of America. For more information and an online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.




Barbara A. Grushey

WARE – Barbara A. (Dunbar) Grushey, 74, of Ware, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at her home with her loving and devoted family by her side. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late, George P. and Noella R. (Morin) Dunbar, and was a life-long resident of Ware.

Barbara will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 52 years, William O. Grushey; their sons, James and Jarrett, of Ware, and Justin, (Rachel) of Cotuit. She will also be fondly remembered by her five grandchildren, Paige, Brooke, Cam, Quinn and Deacon, by her brother Donald (MaryAnn) Dunbar, sisters-in-law, Gwen Mitus and Heather Grigas, nieces/nephews, great-nieces/nephews, and many long-time friends.

Barbara owned and operated her own beauty salon for 25 years, where she made many friends. She enjoyed retirement since 2012. She and Bill owned a



get-away home on Cape Cod for several years, where she enjoyed the ocean and watching the birds. Barbara was a long-time member of Mt. Carmel Church and then All Saints Church in Ware. She loved her large family, including many close cousins, and took great pride in all of them and their accomplishments.

A funeral Mass for Barbara will be held on Monday, June 28, at 11 a.m., in All Saints Church, 17 North St., Ware.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress Street, Boston, MA, 02210 or www.diabetes.org.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements. An online guest book is available at charbonneauhf.com.

Donald Leo Simonds

WARE – Donald Leo Simonds, age 76, passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at his home after an illness. Donald was born in Fitchburg, on July 24, 1944, son of the late Alpheus G. Simonds and Olive M. (Arsenault) Simonds.


He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1962, and served two years. Donald was forever a proud Marine. He lived for many years in Fitchburg, prior to residing in Ware for the past 27 years. Donald held various jobs throughout his life, including with the Fitchburg Police Department.

He began working for Civil Service in 1986, first at Fort Devens, and then at Westover Air Force Base, where he retired from in 2000. Donald was a 44-year member of the Elks Fraternity BPOE.

He leaves behind his loving wife of 29 years, Patricia L. (Murphy) Simonds, his daughter, Melissa Eckstein, and her husband, Erik, of Fitchburg, his siblings, Diane Bartie, and her husband, Bill, of Ruskin, Florida, Dolores Funairole, of Townsend, and David E. Simonds, and his wife, Denise, of Fitchburg, numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved cats. Donald also leaves behind his good friend of many years, Jim Dinsel. He was pre-deceased by two sisters, Theresa Aho and Beverly Promisel.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday, June 27, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South St., in Ware. A brief memorial ceremony will conclude in the Garden Area of Cebula Funeral Home at 6 p.m. Donald will be laid to rest privately by his family in Smithville Cemetery in New Ipswich, New Hampshire.

For more information and online guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.



Lillian Rys

FARMINGTON, MAINE – Lillian (Nimtz)(Miller) Rys passed away peacefully at the ripe old age of 100 at Woodlands Senior Living Home in Farmington. She was born June 18, 1920, a daughter of Albert Nimtz and Lillian (Richards)Nimtz.

Born in Old Furnace in Hardwick, Massachusetts, the family moved to Hardwick when she was 3. She attended Wheelwright grammar school and Hardwick High school. Lillian married George Miller in 1944, and they had one daughter, Bonnie (Miller)(Roach) Graves. She resided in Palmer for a short time and then moved back to her beloved Hardwick. Her last years was spent with her daughter and son-in-law in Maine and Florida.

She will be missed by her two grandsons, Garret Roach, of Bondsville, Massachusetts, and Donald Roach, of Venice, Florida; her great-grandchildren, Crystal Jacques, Caleb, Jacob and Hannah Roach, Joseph Midura and Winston Roach. She is preceded by her brothers, Albert and Fred Nimtz, and her sisters, Colista Parker, Mable McKelk, Rachel Noble, Maude Stone and Nina Podkowka.

Burial will be on July 10, at 10 a.m. in Hardwick Cemetery.

Yoga in the park every Tuesday

WARE – It is with great pleasure that Trinity Episcopal Church in partnership with Donna Holden, of “Healthy Town Living,” will be having an hour-long yoga class in Grenville Park, on Church Street, at the bandstand every Tuesday, at 6 p.m.

Donations to the instructor are welcome. The church is hoping for a good showing to continue through the summer, weather permitting. People should bring their own blanket or mat.

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where both teams were unable to score any runs against each other from the sixth to ninth innings.

The bottom of the ninth saw new life from the Blue Sox, when Nate Thomas and Travis Holt were both brought home off of a Cole Andrews (Miami/Ohio) RBI, which tied the game at 5-5.

“Cole is always coming through,” said Head Coach Hez Randolph, “he has a knack for getting that big hit. He’s becoming one of those guys that you want to have a bat in his hands in a clutch situation.”

The game was the first in the Blue Sox’ 2021 season to go into extra innings. In the top of the tenth, Danbury

scored a run, making the game 6-5.

Both dugouts were wild, after an umpire mistakenly called Travis Holt out at first. The Westerners celebrated on the diamond before being told to return to their dugout to finish the game.

The (almost) four-hour game came to a conclusion at the end of 10 innings, when Nate Thomas bombed one to right field with two runners on, and the outfielder couldn’t catch it.

“I want to commend our guys for sticking with it and fighting to win it. It’s really tough, especially in summer ball, when everyone is new and there aren’t really ties to the team, so it’s special to see that the guys really care. That’s awesome.” Said Randolph.

Public notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Ware Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 14, 2019, at 7:00 PM** pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. 131 c40. The hearing will include consideration of a Notice of Intent (NOI) by the Beaver Lake Club Corporation, represented by SOLitude Lake Management for an Aquatic Management Program at Beaver Lake. Said hearing will be held via Zoom. To view application and related plans, contact the Conservation office at 413-967-9648.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 4, Section 13, a copy of this legal notice can be found on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association’s (MNPA) website: <http://masspublicnotices.org>. 06/24/2021

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol County Juvenile Court, 289 Rock Street, Fall River, MA 02720

TO: Faith A. Turgeon, Willie C. Bridges, Jr.:

A petition has been presented to this court by DCF (Fall River), seeking, as to the following children, **Lilly A. Bridges, Mya F. Bridges**, that said children be found in need of care and protection and committed to the Department of Children and Families. The court may dispense the rights of the person(s) named herein to receive notice of or to consent to any legal proceeding affecting the adoption, custody, or guardianship or any other disposition of the children named herein, if it finds that the children are in need of care and protection and that the best interests of the children would be served by said disposition.

You are hereby **ORDERED** to appear in this court, at the court address set forth above, on the following date and time **10/05/2021 at 9:00 AM Hearing on Merits (CR/CV)**

You may bring an attorney with you. If you have a right to an attorney and if the court determines that you are indigent, the court will appoint an attorney to

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represent you.

If you fail to appear, the court may proceed on that date and any date thereafter with a trial on the merits of the petition and an adjudication of this matter.

For further information call the Office of the Clerk-Magistrate at 508-676-0090.

WITNESS: Hon John S. Spinale, FIRST JUSTICE

Roger J. Oliveira, Clerk-Magistrate
DATE ISSUED: 6/15/2021
06/24, 07/01, 07/08/2021

WARREN PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Special Permit Application No. 296 Site Plan Approval No. 63

Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, NOTICE is hereby given that the Warren Planning Board, acting as the Special Permit Granting Authority, will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 12, 2021, at 7:15 PM** on the application of Copart of Connecticut, seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.24.4 of the Town of Warren Zoning Bylaws. The Hearing will be held in the Gymnasium of the Shepard Municipal Building, 48 High Street in

Warren.

SITE LOCATION: The subject property is located at 600 Old West Warren Road in West Warren, MA. The property is also known as Assessor’s Map 15, Lot 52 & 54, Map 16 Lot 7 and are located in the Residential District.

SUBJECT: The Applicant is requesting to operate a Junkyard / Automobile Graveyard which includes the storage of junk/scrap vehicles and parts. The proposed use requires a Special Permit.

A complete copy of the application may be inspected in the Office of the Planning Board or the Town Clerk during normal business hours. Anyone interested or wishing to be heard on the application should appear at the time and place designated. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Warren Planning Board
Derick R. Veliz, Chairman
06/24, 07/01/2021

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of **Country Corners Storage & Realty**, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the con-

tents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on **Saturday, Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 10 a.m.** on the premises of **Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-6095.**

Matthew Peterson: Storage building 2 Unit 22
06/24/2021

Legal Notice FY2022 Fuel Bid Date Change

Legal Notice Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2022 Invitation for Bids for Low sulfur diesel fuel, #2 heating fuel for public buildings, propane, heating equipment service specifications in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 1, 2021 in the Hardwick Highway Barn 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, MA bids must be sealed and clearly marked **“HWY IFB – FY2022 Diesel, Heating, Propane”** and are due no later than **1:00 PM on June 30, 2021** in the Town of Hardwick Highway Barn, 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, or mail to PO

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hardwick.com. The Town reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to only award a contract if it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.

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Legal Notice FY2022 Road Materials Bid Date Change

Legal Notice Town of Hardwick, MA is seeking FY2022 Invitation for Bids for Road Materials in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30B, Section 5. The bid will be awarded based on the most responsible, responsive bidder offering the lowest price. The IFB will be available on June 1, 2021 in the Hardwick Highway Barn 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, MA bids must be sealed and clearly marked **“HWY IFB – FY2022 Road Material”** and are due no later than **1:00 PM on June 28, 2021** in the Town of Hardwick Highway Barn, 179 Petersham Road, Hardwick, or mail to PO Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031. The contact person is Marty Gryszowka, Superintendent 413-477-6705 or highway@townofhardwick.com

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:05 p.m.**, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA, to hear an **Application for New License \$15 Package Store, Wine and Malt Beverages, Stevens Strong, LLC d/b/a It’s Wine O’Clock, 164**

B West Street, Ware, MA. Copies of the petition are available at the office of the Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association’s (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Keith J. Kruckas
Chairman
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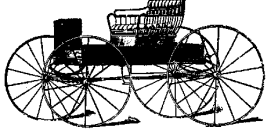
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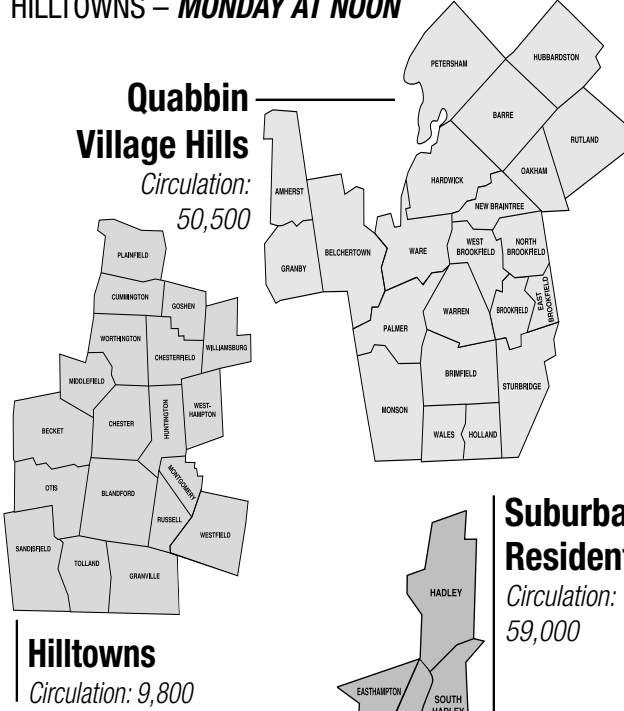
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